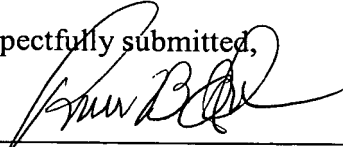


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to cancel the claims which are the subject of parent Application Serial No. 10/320,947, filed December 16, 2002, currently pending.

Respectfully submitted,



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